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NEW ABSTRACT

An objective lens and an optical device for scanning different information carriers have different cover layer thicknesses, with different numerical apertures. The objective lens includes at least an annular part having a first numerical aperture, and a central part having a second numerical aperture. The second numerical aperture is higher than the first numerical aperture.